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In re Patent Application of:

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Art Unit: 2624

For: IMAGE-INFORMATION RECORDING
DEVICE AND IMAGE-INFORMATION
DISPLAY DEVICE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Supplementing the submission in the IDS accompanying filing, and in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and MPEP 609, the Applicant, through its attorneys and representatives, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents noted on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed.

I.

Documents in a written opinion from the Australian Patent Office regarding two documents previously submitted in the IDS at filing from the ISR are noted, along with a copy of the Australian Patent Office search report citing two of those same documents and another in class A. For the convenience of the examiner, a copy of EP 1 486 979 is provided; it apparently is a patent family member of WO 2003/079359, previously of record and discussed in the Australian search report and in the Australian Written Opinion. It may also be noted that U.S. Publication No. 2002/0186961 (cited in Category A in the Australian search report) is an apparent patent family member of JP 2000-82276, cited in the IDS at filing.

Certification is not available; however, this submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits of this application.

II.

Documents in this group include Form PCT/SB/338 (Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability); Form PCT/IB/373 (International Preliminary Report on Patentability); and Form PCT/ISA/237 (Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority – Translation) dealing with documents cited in the ISR and also cited in the Australian search report.

It is requested that the Examiner review the documents noted in view of the references noted and make such consideration of record.

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	BA	EP 1 486 979 A1	12-15-2004	Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha		
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